

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 5, 2005 has alleged that the originally-claimed invention was directed to two distinct inventions, with claims 1-4 being directed to one invention and claims 5-14 being directed to a second invention. Applicants hereby elect claim group II (claims 5-14), without traverse, for continued prosecution.

Independent claims 1, 5, and 10 have been amended without introducing new matter, so as to clarify that these claimed inventions are in the same classification. Dependent claims 2-4, 6-9, and 11-14 have been amended according to the subject matters of claims 1, 5, and 10, respectively. New claims 15-27 are added without introducing new matter into the application. Claim 15 is a generic claim, with regard to claims 1, 5, and 10.

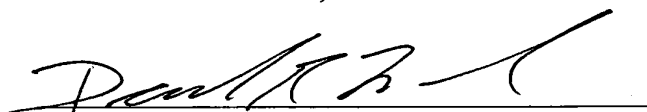
In view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claim 1-27 should now be examined consistent with the election made herein.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully Submitted,

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